

## VIRGINIA VOLUNTEERS READY FOR ENCAMPMENT

**Movement of Militia Will Take Place  
To-Day in Twenty-Eight  
Cities.**

**WILL SLEEP IN TENTS TO-NIGHT**

**Extensive Program of Instruction  
for Soldiers in Field and Camp  
Battles Has Been Arranged—Sham  
Battles and Night Marches Included**

Streets in twenty-eight Virginia cities and towns will resound this morning to the martial tread of hundreds of khaki clad citizen soldiers, marching to trains which will bear them to the annual State encampment, which begins to-day at Gordonsville. Before night the pretty little village will be in the hands of the militiamen, and another town, consisting of hundreds of pyramidal and conical tents, will have sprung up magically on the plains to the east of it. In these flimsy canvas homes will dwell for the next ten days the 2,000 youthful volunteers who will learn the duties of a soldier, the better to protect their native State, and to add their nation in time of stress.

The encampment will be for the infantry arm of the service only, other arrangements for the instruction of the artillery having been made. Thirty-nine companies, two regimental bands, and a mounted detachment, will be ordered out, and, although the government rules on attendance are unusually hard this year, it is fully expected that every command will muster the minimum strength required by the War Department, while others will carry the maximum to camp.

No specified hour for the departure of the troops has been set, but the arrangements having been left to the company or battalion commanders, it will require ingenuity for some to make the trip in time, but this is all factoring in the game. The Norfolk, Portsmouth and Danville troops, owing to the distance, will probably be the last to arrive, with Richmond, Charlottesville and Staunton fighting for the honor of being the first to pitch tents on their allotted ground.

## BLUES AND GRAYS

### READY FOR ENCAMPMENT

The Richmond Grays Battalion, commanded by Major Lawrence T. Price, will be the first of the local commands to leave their home station. The battalion, 200 strong, will leave the armory shortly before 8 o'clock this morning, and will entrain at the Main Street Station. The men have been ordered to report at 7 o'clock, and in line in the line when the shrill notes of the bugle call the assembly, scores who reside at a distance from the car lines, and in the suburbs, spent the night curled up on blankets in the rooms at the armory.

The four companies of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues Battalion, under the command of Major E. W. Bowles, will leave at 8 o'clock, entraining at Main Street station. This is the first time in a number of years that this historic command has been to camp with the other infantry commands, the officers of the Blues are particularly anxious to make a good showing, and efforts are being made to carry the full strength of the battalion, at least 200 men and officers will be present.

With the Grays will travel the hospital detachment of the First Infantry. It will be commanded by Major J. Bright. Companies H, Fourth Infantry, at Richmond, and Company I, leave at about the same time, the Blues do.

The actual camp life will not begin until to-morrow, when the regular routine will be taken up. From that time until camp is broken on Thursday of next week, the men will be under the strictest military discipline, and real work will be done by the volunteers.

### HARD WORK ARRANGED

FOR VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS

The work is arranged that it will be taken up in rotation. The first day will be taken up with drill in the squad formation. On the second day the company drill will be taken up, and the men, and this will be followed successively by battalion, regimental and brigade movements. Full drill periods will be in the early morning and afternoon, the idea being to avoid the heat of the middle of the day. Several hours will elapse between the drills, and this will be utilized by the men for recreation purposes.

There will be no full dress drills during the encampment, as only the actual field equipment is being taken. The enlisted men will be supplied with their toilet articles, changes of underclothing, an extra shirt and an extra pair of trousers. They will leave home carrying their blanket roll, mess kits, haversacks and everything used in the field, with the exception of the larger tents.

All arrangements for the reception of the troops have been made, according to information received by Adjutant General W. W. Sale last yesterday. The barracks, mess halls and other stationary buildings are necessary, and are erected, and are ready for use. An excellent supply of water from Gordonsville will be provided, and the militiamen will find shower baths awaiting their arrival on the grounds. Entertainment will be given during the evening for the men, but there will be plenty of opportunity to wash away the grime and dust from the miniature conflict.

### ARMY OFFICER IN

COMMAND OF CAMP

Colonel Wilder, commandant of Fort Meyer, and a company of infantry and detachment of mounted scouts from the government will arrive to-morrow. Colonel Wilder will be in command of the camp, and will outrank Brigadier-General W. W. Sale. The regular army troops will aid in the instruction of the volunteers, and the regular army officers have also been assigned to duty for this purpose.

It will be the privilege of General Vaughan and Colonel Wilder to name the camp to-day. It is customary to name it in honor of some high State or national official. Last year it was named after the name of Governor Stuart or the President will be selected as the name of the camp.

The chief military event of the encampment will be the hike and night march. The hike will be next day by a sham battle between two forces. The other work will be routine, but there will be a great deal of real work, and opportunity to display the knowledge gained in the school of instruction, and a practical demonstration of the tactics learned through the winter correspondence course.

During the week a number of social functions will be held by the people of Gordonsville. It is advertised that a real football game will be played, and a dress rehearsal of the play, and this is eagerly looked forward to.

### PRICE TO COMMAND

#### RICHMOND GRAYS

Officers of the local commands follow: Richmond Grays Battalion, First Infantry—Major, Lawrence T. Price; first lieutenant, J. B. Shepherd; second lieutenant, J. B. Shepherd; second lieutenant and quartermaster, R. S. Lovins, Jr.

Company A—Captain, James E. Cherry; first lieutenant, Harry A. Howell; second lieutenant, E. E. Delaney.

Company B—Captain, William A. Stack; first lieutenant, Luther T. Chapman; second lieutenant, Charles Chapman.

Company C—Captain, Charles B. Coulbourn; first lieutenant, Charlie Lutz; second lieutenant, J. B. Shepherd.

Company F—Captain, Alvin B. Cousins; first lieutenant, Charles A. E. Potts; second lieutenant, Charles E. Potts.

HOWLES AT HEAD OF BATTALION

Battalion—Major, E. W. Bowles; captain and surgeon, H. Norton Mason; first

lieutenant, J. Randolph Tucker; first lieutenant and quartermaster, Rudolph A. Seikle; first lieutenant and inspector of small arms practice, C. C. Tuttle.

Company A—Captain, William G. Fuller, Jr.; first lieutenant, Raleigh W. Hickey; second lieutenant, James B. Fuller.

Company B—Captain Richard M. Hildgood; first lieutenant, Max L. E. James; second lieutenant, Lucien L. Bass.

Company C—Captain, James McGraw, Jr.; first lieutenant, Emmett W. Gates; second lieutenant, Marion S. Hewitt.

Company D—Captain, J. G. Earnest; first lieutenant, J. G. Earnest; second lieutenant, B. J. Rossieux.

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